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Applicant: G. Goicoechea et al. : Art Unit: 3308
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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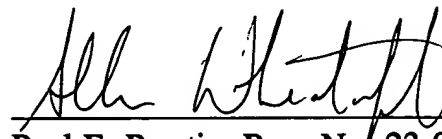
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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 11, 1996, Applicants provisionally elect Species I wherein the securing means is a suture. Claims 78 and 79 are readable on this species. Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, such as claim 56, the remaining Species II (claim 80, wherein the securing means is a ring), Species III (claim 81, wherein the securing means is a staple), Species IV (claims 82 and 83, wherein the securing means is a twisted wire), and Species V (claim 84, wherein the securing means is a bead of thermoplastic

material) will be considered. This provisional election is made without traverse.

Respectfully Submitted,



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